

NOTES OF THE DAY.

London is to have an automatic ham sandw/s machine.

Ontario produced 20,180,600 bushels of wheat last year.

The latest estimate of the population of the world is hazarded at fifteen hundred millions.

It is estimated that 277,000,000 pounds' worth of gold has disappeared from use in the past 399 years.

The hunters in South Africa have nearly de-

The slowest sailing vessel on the seas is said to be the Italian brig Anita S., which recently arrived at New Orleans, France, from Martinique, after an unusually long voyage of ten months.

A small public house in London, leased for only twenty-eight years more at a ground rent of £20 has changed for £1,250, while a freehold estate in Suffolk of 540 acres has fetched £180 less.

Agricultural statistics show that the average yield of wheat per acre in the United States is a little less than thirteen bushels, and that of Indian corn a little less than twenty-seven bushels.

More than one-fifth of the population of New York is employed in her common schools either

as pupils or teachers. The total enrollment of pupils is 1,206,574, and their teachers number 31,000.

A Budapest professional beggar who died recently had amassed the very comfortable sum of £42,000. This he bequeathed to the University of Pressburg, where he had made much money in his early days by swindling.

A statue of cupid, dating from the Roman period, has been discovered near the village of Montegian, in the Canton of Fribourg, Switzerland. The remnants of a Roman wall and some pottery were also discovered.

A speaker at the recent annual dinner of the

National Association for the Prevention of Consumption said that he had seen this notice posted at a church in Normandy: "Avoid spitting in the street as much as possible!"

A Woolwich (Me.) man has filled his ice house with cakes which have floated down with a freshet. All he had to do was to watch for the cakes and throw them into the ice house and hoist them into the ice house.

The Italian postoffice is about to introduce the automobile into its service, particularly between railway stations and neighboring villages. They will use the automobile to deliver mail in the larger towns, such as Rome, Naples, and Milan.

Albert C. Case, of the Carnegie Company, who will become president of the American Cotton Company on June 1, was born in New Jersey, and became a resident of the Pennsylvania Railroad, New York division of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Byrn, who will go to Manila as principal agent of the American schedule, has announced that his working staff will be made up mainly of Americans.

young men and women who have graduated from the University of Indiana, with which he himself has been long associated.

The canal system in China is the most extensive in the world with the possible exception of that of Holland. Wherever the supply of the land permits the thrifty native has made a canal. Thus he is enabled to carry the products of his labor to market with the minimum expense.

The Eastern Canadian seacoast from the Bay of Fundy to the Straits of Belle Isle covers a distance of 5,000 miles, and British Columbia, with its 14,000 miles of coast, has a larger seacoast. There is a seacoast of 7,100 miles and a salt water inland area, not including minor indentations, of 1,500 square miles.

During the winter 1900-1901 there were 34,412 students matriculated at the twenty-three univer-

The Pope of Rome is a great chess player. His principal competitor is Father Guiza, a priest, who in addition to being a marvelous manipulator of chessmen, is a very irascible clergyman. When he is in the same room with the Pope he is very different individual from the Pope. He is dispensing religious favors from the pulpit.

Occur steamships nowadays are as regular as the railroads in carrying the mails. They have their habitual rates of speed and are expected to make their time. They are not subject to delays through wind and storm in the same number of hours and minutes, winter and summer, never subject to being delayed or having to stop at the very rarest occasions.

The home of the late ex-Congressman Charles A. Boutelle, in Bangor, Me., which has just been sold, is one of the oldest of the quaint colonial

manions of that city, and it has an interesting history. Among the famous men who have been entertained here are the former Congressman are General Grant, James G. Blaine, President McKinley, William P. Frye, and Nelson Dingley.

William Barrow, timekeeper at Gillof's cabinet works, Lancaster, England, has been in the employ of the firm for sixty-six years. Although over eighty years of age, he is still active, being invariably the first on the premises every morning at five o'clock at night. His father held the keys before him, having joined the house of Gillof in 1801, so that the present year crowns a

An authority on dieting says: "The average palate has been gradually educated to relish cheese after it has undergone butyric acid fermentation and is, in fact, putrid. This is plain English, and it flies in the face of the reigning authorities on custodial standards. Certain brands of cheese such as Roquefort, Limburger, and several other varieties, sell at enormous prices simply because they represent ideal degrees of rankness—putridity."¹⁶

Potatoes contain the alkaloid solanin, although this fact is not generally recognized. New po-

unless they grow above the surface of the ground, and are then the greatest danger to the human race known to be poisonous. It is not, however, known generally that potatoes contain much of the same poison, and that a number of cases of serious poisoning have occurred in late summer when the potatoes were eaten.

Among the adventures explored now planning an exhibition in search of the hard-to-reach North Pole is Captain Bernier, of Quebec, who will take with him strong kits fitted with cameras, by which, even if he fails to get near the pole, he will have taken the last photographs of the region as he cannot reach. The success that has attended the work of the camera in the past has given him the highest reason to believe that the method may be practicable in the Arctic regions.

The initial letter J, as someone has discovered, figured prominently in the recent great financial crash. It was the first letter of the word of storm and stress J. Gould and J. Fisk were con-

A young probationer was preaching his trial sermon in the church in one of the inland villages of Scotland, says the "Scottish American." After finishing the "discourse" he leaned over the pulpit and engaged in silent prayer—an act which rather surprised the congregation, who were unaccustomed to such a proceeding. Then the young preacher felt someone slapping him gently on the shoulder, and on turning around he beheld the beadle, who said: "Hoot, toot, mon; dinna tak it as ye muckle to harrt; ye'll maybe dae better next time."

Alex. Campbell, the professional golfer of the Country Club of Brookline, Mass., has a driver of ancient pattern, over 200 years old, which was the property of the Earl of Eglington at that time. It has passed through many hands in the two centuries, but remains as strong as many of the drivers now in use. It is much heavier than the ordinary club, and was the best that could be

The Roman soldiers who built such wonderful roads and carried a weight of armor and baggage that would crush the average farm hand, we are told by the "Scientific American," lived on coarse brown bread and sour wine. They were temperate in diet and regular and constant in exercise. The Spanish peasant works every day and dances half the night, yet eats only black bread, onion, and wine. The Switzer, the Snyman, and the little fur and coat olives, yet he walks off with

"Like the Bishop of London, the new Bishop of Stepney, the Right Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lang, is a bachelor," says the "New York Evening Post," "and at Portree Mr. Lang had the largest parish in the Highlands, and was assisted by only twelve curates. It is said that, when dining with Queen Victoria at Osborne, her Majesty asked if it was true that he had so large a number of helpers, and on being assured it was so, she said, 'I would have been content with three curates and a marry. But the vicar had evidently turned the matter over in his mind, and replied: 'Well, ma'am, if I disagree with my curates we can part; but if I were to disagree with my wife it might end in my having to leave the parish.'"